

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (original) A method of cutting a member, comprising the steps of:

adhering the member to a template; and

projecting a cutting element through the template, without intersecting with the template, to cut the member.

Claim 2 (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the cutting element is a laser.

Claim 3 (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the member comprises a multi-layered film.

Claim 4 (original) The method according to claim 3, wherein the multi-layered film comprises supplying a metal layer and a polymer layer.

Claim 5 (original) The method according to claim 3, wherein the multi-layered film comprises aluminum and polyester.

Claim 6 (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of providing a the template having pre-defined cut-out sections for accommodating the cutting of the member by the a laser.

Claim 7 (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of adhering comprises the step of removably attaching the template having low tack properties to a surface of the member through one of compression and contact.

Claim 8 (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein contact electrostatic binding removably adheres the member to the template.

Claim 9 (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of projecting comprises the step of directing the cutting element to pass through the template, without cutting the template, to cut through the member in a pattern corresponding to the template.

Claim 10 (original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of transferring member formations, formed by the cutting element, to a separate location.

Claim 11 (original) The method according to claim 1, further

comprising the step of removing the template from the member in a manner such that the template is re-usable.

Claim 12 (cancelled).

Claim 13 (cancelled).

Claim 14 (cancelled).

Claim 15 (cancelled).

Claim 16 (cancelled).

Claim 17 (cancelled).

Claim 18 (cancelled).

Claim 19 (cancelled).

Claim 20 (cancelled).

Claim 21 (original) An assemblage produced by sandwiching a member between a base and a template, and projecting the laser through the template, without intersecting the template, to cut the member and form one or more member formations, the assemblage comprising:

the member; and

the template removably adhering to the member;

wherein the template is suitable for accommodating the laser in cutting the member.

Claim 22 (original) The assemblage according to claim 21, wherein the member is a multi-layer film.

Claim 23 (new) A method of cutting a thin film member, comprising the steps of:

adhering the member to a re-usable template having low-tack surfaces and pre-defined cut-out sections;

projecting a laser through the template, without intersecting the template;

cutting the member with the laser to form one or more member formations;

removing the template from the member, which carries off dust generated during the cutting of the member; and

discarding portions of the member that are adhered to the template and maintaining portions cut-out from the thin film-member corresponding to the open template portions.

Claim 24 (new) The method according to claim 23, wherein the member comprises a multi-layered film having a metal layer and a polymer layer.

Claim 25 (new) The method according to claim 24, wherein the polymer layer of the multi-layered film adds additional support to the metal layer, has a thickness of 10 microns for supporting the metal layer having a thickness of 0.1 microns.

Claim 26 (new) The method according to claim 23, wherein the step of providing the template increases dimensional stability, and lowers accumulation of cutting debris, excess heating, and detachment stress.

Claim 27 (new) The method according to claim 23, further comprising the step of sandwiching each thin film member with the templates on each side when there is one or more members to be cut.

Claim 28 (new) The method according to claim 27, wherein the step of sandwiching the member with the templates comprises having a beneficially different tackiness value between the templates, so that in peeling the template off, the thin film member remains adhered to the other template.

Claim 29 (new) The method according to claim 23, further comprising the step of providing a base having a low tack surface and a solid layer for supporting the member, on the side opposite the template, and the one or more member formations.

Claim 30 (new) The method according to claim 29, wherein the step of providing the base comprises supplying a re-usable layer having pre-defined cut-out sections.

Claim 31 (new) The method according to claim 23, further comprising the step of transferring the member formations adhered to the template, which were formed by the cutting element, to a separate location.